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KANSAS WING CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET ENCAMPMENT

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From the Cadet Commander

Hello everyone, It is now day two of our encampment. It is good to see the flights coming together as teams. I know that we have thrown a lot of information at you all at once and you may feel overwhelmed. This is to make you realize that you need to work as a team to accomplish even the simplest tasks such as making your bed or folding your clothes. By now you have realized that this is much different from your normal daily routine. As I said at the welcome briefing, your time here will be challenging and take you out of your comfort zone. You are not the only one who feels like there is not enough time to do everything or feel rushed. Depend on each



other, work with your entire flight. Teamwork is the cornerstone of your success as a flight at this encampment. Keep up the enthusiasm and enjoy the rest of the week.

C/Lt Col Mitch Edwards, CAP
Cadet Commander

Cadets do pushups during PT



THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday Services
- Marksmanship
Safety Training
- ES Activities
- K-State Tour
- Rifle Range
- Team Building
- Flight Simulator



Alpha Flight at Closing Formation

Staff Spotlight

C/MSgt Isaac Marble

Staff Position: Squadron 2 1st Sgt.



C/MSgt Marble traveled from Colorado to attend this encampment. His favorite part of encampment is In-processing. He advises basics to render proper etiquette when at attention, and to use proper verbal greetings. To his family reading this newsletter at home, 1st Sgt. Marble would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

The Basic Cadet Perspective

C/A1C Chase Ward

Squadron 1 Alpha Flight



This is the first encampment for A1C Ward. So far, in-processing has been the most interesting part of encampment for this cadet because it was hectic and he had many bags to carry. The toughest part about this experience has been the wake up call. To his fellow basics, Cadet Ward would like to say "Good Luck,"



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- Guldons

Happy Anniversary to Major Rick Franz and Major Theda Franz! Warm wishes for many more years together.



C/Airman Christner and Maj. Schlesener dry firing a .22 rifle.



"This is the Business end."

Day 2—Are Your Socks Smiling?

By 2nd Lt. Jan Lewandowski, PAO



If you came to encampment not knowing how to make your socks smile and tuck your sheets in with hospital corners, then today was the day to learn! The daily routine began with a 0625 wake-up call, PT, opening formation, drill and breakfast. The cadets had the option to attend a Sunday Chapel or do some cleaning.

Afterward, Major Ron Schlesener gave a class on marksmanship safety. The main point is safety! "Never assume that [the weapon] is empty; always assume that its loaded," said Maj. Schlesener. Another piece of advice the Major gave was to not completely rely on the mechanical safety device because it can wear down and cease to function. He then pointed to the end of the barrel and stated, "this is the business end!" As marksmen, we should always maintain situational awareness. Then, Maj. Schlesener demonstrated, with the help of a cadet, the way to de-

termine one's dominate eye. One could be right handed and left eye dominant; therefore, he/she should shoot left handed. It may feel awkward at first, but it is easy to get used to. Finally, the cadets were given the opportunity to practice holding a rifle, determine a breathing pattern, and to dry fire the rifles.

1st Sgt Thomas then gave the cadets a quick reminder on classroom etiquette: look toward the speaker at all times, do not slouch or rest your head on your hands, and give the speaker your full attention. Cadets were then given their SOP's—"DO NOT LOSE THEM," said the 1st Sgt. The SOP contains memory work and is to be held out six inches in front of your face and with your arm at a ninety degree angle. Study whenever you have spare time.

An opportunity for cadets who had not completed GES testing was also available Sunday. The remaining cadets reviewed the equipment needed in a twenty-four hour pack. This

class was given by Lt Col Altum. C/Capt Adam Murphy followed up with a discussion on the importance of CAP ES. The cadets ate a quick lunch and they were off to their afternoon activities.

Each flight began rotating through four stations Sunday afternoon: the rifle range at St. John's Military Academy, Team Building in the D-FAC, Flight Simulators in Wing HQ, and Kansas State University Flight Department tours with Lt Col Shappee.

Closing formation concluded with the assigning of the guldons. Each flight now has in possession their own team's banner and motto. Dinner came and went quickly. The cadets then moved to another station in the rotation.

Cadets and senior members alike, can learn so much during the short time we are at encampment. We need to keep our eyes and ears open to take advantage of the endless opportunities to learn throughout the week.

1st Lt. Hearn celebrates her Birthday.



C/Piper takes a break from busy schedule to explore the flight simulator.

Bravo Flight at the rifle range.

